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Alexandra Allison

Applicant

Brent C. Abrahm, et al.

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Transacting and Managing Like-Kind Exchanges

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312 Pasadena, CA 91101 October 31, 2006

## Commissioner:

Attached are the following:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate);
- 2. Check No. 2206 for Extension of Time fee;
- 3. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
- 4. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. Section 132 by Brent C. Abrahm with Exhibits A and B;
- 5. Amendment and Response to July 5, 2006 Office Action; and
- Return Postcard.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for one (1) month and the associated fee are filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. It is respectfully submitted that a one-month extension is appropriate because the enclosed Amendment and Response is filed before the expiration of the one-month time period following the three-month period set by the Examiner for responding to the Office Action dated July 5, 2006, because it is filed before the expiration of November 5, 2006.

Even so, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely

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submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, including any required extension fees, which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 501574 and to treat this authorization as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for this application requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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